(c) if so, the steps Government propose to take to curb the illegal import of cigarettes to the country?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) There are reports of smuggling of cigarettes into India. However, smuggling being a clandestine activity, its exact quantum cannot be ascertained. Therefore, the extent of loss to exchequer on account of smuggling of cigarettes cannot be quantified with certainty.

(b) No. Sir. The 'available information does not indicate any adverse impact on the Indian tobacco growers because of the illegal import of cigarettes.

(c) All the field formations under the Customs Department including Directorate of revenue Intelligence are vigilant and alert to check smuggling of contraband goods including cigarettes into the country.

Irregularities by Mohan Nagar Awas Society

* 399. SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH LIBRA:
SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1002 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 27th November, 2001 and state:

(a) whether representations have been received by Central Revenue Department on involvment of Government officials in tax evasion of Mohan Nagar Karamchari Awas Samiti Ltd.;

(b) if so, details thereof and the action taken by Government;

(c) the names of House owners in Ghaziabad who procured plots from Samiti illegally;

(d) whether such transactions are reflected in Income-tax returns; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b) No such representation has been received by Central Revenue Department on involvement of Government officials in tax evasion of Mohan Nagar Karamchari Awas Samiti Ltd.

(c) to (e) According to the information available on record, no such instance has been noticed where the house owners of Ghaziabad have been allotted plots by the Samiti illegally. The assessment proceedings have been initiated for assessment years 1990-1991 to 2000-2001 and the scrutiny of the accounts are in progress. Proper action as per law win be taken at the time of completion of the assessment proceedings.

Development of Tourist Places in Arunachal Pradesh

† *400. SHRI NABAM REBIA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes and programmes formulated and being implemented by Government for promoting tourism in Arunachal Pradesh;

(b) the number of places which have been selected for development as places of tourism in the State; and

(c) the details of financial assistance granted by Government for the same during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) Development of tourism is primarily undertaken by the State Governments/UT administration. Department of Tourism, Government of India, however, provides Central financial assistance for tourism projects prioritized in consultation with them every year.

(b) and (c) Twenty-three projects with Central component

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.